

# **SOUTHDOWN SPORTS CLUB – SOUTHDOWN TENNIS CLUB**

## **POLICY ON THE USE OF CHANGING ROOMS**

Southdown Tennis Club (part of Southdown Sports Club) strives to ensure that all children (anyone under 18) are safeguarded from abuse and have an enjoyable tennis experience.

This policy applies to all staff, coaches, volunteers, players, parents, guardian, carers and any other individuals associated with the Southdown Tennis Club in East Sussex.

This document sets out the Southdown Tennis Club policy for the acceptable use of our changing rooms.

1. To reduce risk and potential vulnerability associated with mixing adults and children, when changing and showering, we ask that all children arrive ready for play and afterwards they shower at home.
2. The Club offers separate changing rooms and toilets for males and females.
3. Given that the Club caters for visitors, supporters and competitors from various sports for all age groups, it is not possible for the Club to segregate the times when children use the changing rooms and when adults use the changing rooms. Accordingly, we ask parents, guardians or carers to take responsibility for supervising their children.
4. Adult staff, coaches and volunteers are asked not to change or shower at the same time as children using the changing rooms but given the impracticality of who goes into the changing rooms, this cannot be guaranteed.
5. If we are made aware that a child or adult self-identifies as a gender that differs from the gender they were assigned at birth, we will work with them and their parents, guardians or carers (where it relates to a child) to make reasonable adjustments to changing arrangements to suit their needs.
6. Mobile phones and other electronic devices must not be used in changing rooms.
7. If a child under the age of 11 wishes to use the lavatory and the parent, guardian or carer is not available the Club will endeavour to ensure a DBS checked member of staff or volunteer will wait outside the toilet to allow children to call for assistance if required.